Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please delete line 2, and insert the following therefor:

-- <u>Filament Brake</u> --

Please insert on page 1, between lines 2 and 3, the following new paragraph:

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Field of the Invention --

On page 1, between lines 9 and 10, please insert the following:

-- Background of the Invention --.

On page 1, between lines 28 and 29, please insert the following:

-- Summary of the Invention --.

On page 3, please delete lines 5 and 6 and insert the following therefor:

-- Brief Description of the Drawing

The invention will now be described with reference to the drawings wherein: --

On page 3, between lines 14 and 15, please insert the

following:

-- Description of the Preferred Embodiments of the Invention --.